

Governor Carney Releases Delaware's Trauma-Informed Care Progress Report and Action Plan

Plan highlights accomplishments, sets benchmarks for state agencies

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Wednesday released the Family Services Cabinet Council's [Trauma-Informed Care Progress Report and Action Plan](#) for State of Delaware agencies. The plan serves as a progress report of each agency's work to implement [Executive Order #24](#), which tasked the Family Services Cabinet Council to lead efforts to make Delaware a trauma-informed state.

[Click to view Trauma-Informed Care Progress Report and Action Plan.](#)

"We need to do everything we can to support children and families in Delaware who are affected by trauma, and to continue to create trauma-informed communities across the state," said **Governor Carney**. "Over the last year, Delaware took steps to train our state workers and collaborated with partners to promote and share the importance of trauma-informed care. Thank you to all of our partners on trauma-informed care, and to our state workers, for the progress you've made to better serve Delaware families. We will continue these efforts to help mitigate the impact of adverse childhood experiences and build resilience in children, adults and communities."

Using the [Delaware Developmental Framework for Trauma-Informed](#)

[Care](#), a document that outlines best practices for trauma-informed care, each state agency set benchmarks for their departments to reach by December 2019 and by June 2020 in order to become trauma-informed. The Framework was adapted from the Missouri Model of trauma-informed care, and it was produced in collaboration by the Family Services Cabinet Council ACEs Subcommittee and the Compassionate Connections Partnership.

Governor Carney also announced two public community discussions on the State of Delaware's efforts to become trauma-informed:

- [Monday, November 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m.](#) – *First State Community Action Agency in Georgetown*
- [Thursday, December 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.](#) – *Delaware Technical Community College – George Campus in Wilmington*

Speakers will discuss progress on implementing [Executive Order #24](#) and the statewide plan to make Delaware a trauma-informed state. The Family Services Cabinet Council members will then take questions and suggestions from members of the public.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION – GEORGETOWN

WHAT: Governor Carney and the Family Services Cabinet Council will hold a community discussion on trauma-informed care.

WHO: Governor John Carney

Josette Manning, Secretary, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Cerron Cade, Secretary, Delaware Department of Labor

Anas Ben Addi, Director, Delaware State Housing Authority

Detective Joey Melvin, Georgetown Police Department

Members of the Family Services Cabinet Council

WHEN: Monday, November 25, 2019

6:30 p.m.

WHERE: First State Community Action Agency

308 N Railroad Ave

Georgetown, DE 19947

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION – WILMINGTON

WHAT: Governor Carney and the Family Services Cabinet Council will hold a community discussion on trauma-informed care.

WHO: Governor John Carney

Dr. Kara Odom Walker, Secretary, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary, Delaware Department of Education

Claire DeMatteis, Commissioner, Delaware Department of Correction

Members of the Family Services Cabinet Council

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Wilmington, DE 19801

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